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TO : Chief, Language and External Training School DATE: 15 June 1956

FROM : Chief, Western Department, LETS

25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None to report.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. Three panels of country specialists were utilized with marked success during the second to last week of the "Free Europe" course as an experimental departure from the usual lecture - discussion instruction technique. The objective was to focus attention on each of the smaller and peripheral countries of Free Europe, whose role in the strategic situation in the area had not previously been pinpointed. The class was generally enthusiastic about the usefulness of the panel presentations, which served partially as a review and proved to be more informal and stimulating than the average lecture. Each panel represented from 3 to 6 countries and considered the strategic problems in turn which had been emphasized during the course for the region as a whole. The success of the experiment was due in large part to the choice of only highly experienced country desk specialists who were carefully briefed in advance on the procedure to be followed.

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2. [redacted] office has completed a survey of the current interest in WH, NEA, and SE for an extension of the "Americans Abroad" program. WH showed the least interest, stating that it would not expect to have more than an occasional candidate for an "Americans Abroad in Latin America" course. As a result of the survey, the only new Americans Abroad courses which are now contemplated for fiscal 1957 will be for [redacted] Middle East and Africa, Western Europe, and South and Southeast Asia.

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3. [redacted] entered on duty on 12 June as a contract employee in connection with the Intensive [redacted] Course.

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